



## United States Department of the Interior

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In Reply Refer To:  
U.S. Geological Survey  
Attention: Freedom of Information Act Officer  
PO Box 262  
State College, Pennsylvania 16804

November 17, 2020

National FOIA Office  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (2310A)  
Washington, DC 20460

Re: U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Tracking #2019-001136 – 2nd Referral of Records

Dear FOIA Officer:

While processing FOIA request, USGS-2019-001136, from Mr. John McGahren of Morgan Lewis in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania dated July 12, 2019, and amended on December 20, 2019 and March 11, 2020; the USGS located 53.7 MB (2,977 pages) of records that substantially concern your agency. On September 29, 2020 we submitted these records to you as a request for consultation with an expected deadline of October 13, 2020. Considering conversations with Larry Johnson of the USEPA National FOIA Office, we extended the deadline to November 4, 2020, but have not heard back from your agency. After two additional attempts to reach out to your agency for consultation we are left with no other option than to refer these records to your agency for determination. This is the second referral of records under this tracking number.

We have enclosed one zip file and one portable document format (PDF), and copies of the original and amended FOIA requests. The zip file contains 26 folders with electronic well log data in various file formats. Please refer to the Well Log ReadMe.pdf file for file type descriptions. These records are responsive to Item 3 of the request as described in Appendix A of the March 11, 2020 amendment.

We will notify Mr. McGahren that he will receive a direct response from your office regarding the enclosed records.

If you have any questions about this referral, you may contact Mrs. Patricia Orlando by phone at (916) 278-3008 or by email at [foia@usgs.gov](mailto:foia@usgs.gov).

Sincerely,

Darren Hall  
U.S. Geological Survey  
Freedom of Information Act Officer

Enclosures:

- 2019-001136 – FOIA Request.pdf (two pages)
- 2019-001136 – Amendment 2019-12-20.pdf (five pages)
- 2019-001136 – Amendment 2020-03-11.pdf (four pages)
- 2019-001136 – Appendix A 2020-03-11.pdf (two pages)
- Well Log ReadMe.pdf (one page)
- SIR\_2009-5179\_well\_logs.zip
  - 26 folders within the zip file:
    - CCD MW-1D (4 files; 3.42 MB; 85 pages)
    - CCWD MW-2D (3 files; 3.87 MB; 34 pages)
    - Puchack MW-11D (4 files; 4.73MB; 68 pages)
    - Puchack MW-12D (1 file; 1.86 MB; 4 pages)
    - Puchack MW-12East-S (3 files; 3.43 MB; 30 pages)
    - Puchack MW-13D (3 files; 1.03 MB; 56 pages)
    - Puchack MW-14 Bethel I (6 files; 2.33 MB, 240 pages)
    - Puchack MW-15I (2 files; 1.90 MB; 36 pages)
    - Puchack MW-16D (7 files; 1.96 MB; 119 pages)
    - Puchack MW-17D (6 files; 1.96 MB; 114 pages)
    - Puchack MW-18D (4 files; 1.82 MB; 45 pages)
    - Puchack MW-19D (6 files; 1.87 MB; 81 pages)
    - Puchack MW-20D (2 files; 58.3 KB; 41 pages)
    - Puchack MW-21D (9 files; 2.04 MB; 141 pages)
    - Puchack MW-21S (3 files; 1.72 MB; 37 pages)
    - Puchack MW-22d (1 file; 30.7 KB; 16 pages)
    - Puchack MW-23I (5 files; 2.17 MB; 161 pages)
    - Puchack MW-24I (7 files; 1.90 MB; 111 pages)
    - Puchack MW-25D (1 file; 12.9 KB; 7 pagers)
    - Puchack MW-26I (5 files; 1.98 MB; 104 pages)
    - Puchack MW-27D (1 file; 1.84 MB; 3 pages)
    - Puchack MW-29D (5 files; 2.31 MB; 208 pages)
    - Puchack MW-30D (4 files; 2.19 MB; 148 pages)
    - Puchack MW-31D (5 files; 2.17 MB; 160 pages)
    - Puchack MW-34D (2 files; 185 KB; 50 pages)
    - Puchack MW-35D (6 files; 2.58 MB; 273 pages)